GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION
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HOUSES FOR ECONOMICALLY WEAKER SECTIONS
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Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the prices of houses have gone beyond the reach of common man ;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to provide houses to the common man and Government employees at affordable prices ;

(c) whether the Union Government has requested the State Governments to review their proposals of construction houses for the economically weaker sections under the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission keeping in mind to fix lower prices for allotment;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the response of the State Governments thereon ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING & URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA)

(a)&(b): The Government is concerned with the rise in prices of houses. To address this issue, the Government is going to introduce National Urban Housing and Habitat Policy 2007 with the aim to provide Housing facility to Economically Weaker Section/Low Income Group and other Section of the Society. This Policy will bridge the gap between need and supply of housing and infrastructure.

(c)to(e): The Government has launched Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) on 3.12.2005 to provide Basic Services to Urban Poor (BSUP) for 63 Cities and Integrated Housing and Slum Development Programme for non-Mission cities, Central Assistance is provided based on preparation of City Development Plan, Detailed Project Reports and undertaking to reforms. Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission

(JNNURM) is demand driven, as such no targets can be fixed for construction of houses. It depends on release of State share/local bodies` share and beneficiary contribution and progress of reforms.